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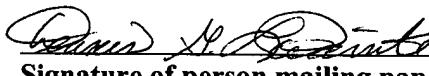
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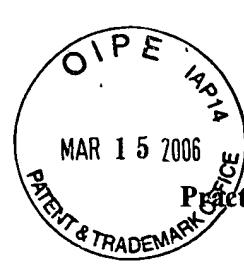
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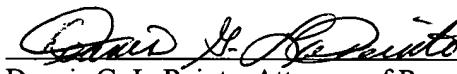
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In the above formula, the decoloration ratio is a natural logarithm $\ln((a)/(b))$ representing the proportion of the absorbance after 30 minutes (a) to the absorbance after 90 minutes (b). These results is set forth in FIG. 3.

As shown in FIG. 3 the dashed line shows the activity value of buckwheat essence without fractionation treatment (Sample 2 in Product Example 1). Accordingly, the (epi) catechin polymer, which is the main ingredient of the buckwheat extract essence of the present invention, shows its high activity at polymerization degrees 4-7. Further, if anti-oxidation activity depended on the number of hydroxyl groups, and as long as it is based on the weight, the results for the monomer and the polymer would be the same. These experimental results, however, which show a higher activity for the polymer than the monomer reveal that the polymerization of monomer molecules provides compositions that are useful in the treatment and/or therapy of aging. Accordingly, the composition derived from buckwheat of the present invention abundantly contains polymers or oligomers of the above-mentioned polymerization degree 20 wherein catechin and epicatechin are mixed. Further, the composition has high anti-oxidation activity.

Thus, while there has been described what are presently believed to be the preferred embodiments of the invention, those skilled in the art will understand that other and further modification can be made without departing from the spirit of the invention. It is intended that the present invention includes all such modifications as come within the true scope of the invention as set forth in the claims.

What is claimed is:

1. A composition for treating symptoms and conditions associated with aging, the composition including an active ingredient consisting essentially of:
 - one of
 - an aqueous extract of buckwheat seed extracted at a temperature of between 61° C. and 150° C.,
 - a fractionation product of an aqueous extract of buckwheat seed, and
 - a combination of said aqueous extract of buckwheat seed and said fractionation product of said aqueous extract of buckwheat seed,
 - wherein the active ingredient contains polymers having 4 to 9 monomer units, said polymers having a molecular weight of from about 1,000 to about 10,000,
 - wherein the composition enhances an activity of protein kinase C (PKC), improves short time memory and alleviates decrease in space cognition caused by aging.
2. The composition according to claim 1, wherein the aqueous extract of buckwheat seed has a molecular weight of about 1500 or more.
3. The composition according to claim 1, wherein the composition alleviates and treats symptoms and conditions caused by dementia.
4. The composition according to claim 2, wherein the composition alleviates and treats symptoms and conditions caused by dementia.
5. The composition according to claim 1, wherein the composition alleviates and treats symptoms and conditions caused by Alzheimer's syndrome.
6. The composition according to claim 2, wherein the composition alleviates and treats symptoms and conditions caused by Alzheimer's syndrome.
7. The composition according to claim 1, wherein the composition inhibits lipid peroxide.
8. The composition according to claim 2, wherein the composition inhibits lipid peroxide.

9. The composition according to claim 1, wherein the composition treats hyperlipidemia.

10. The composition according to claim 2, wherein the composition treats hyperlipidemia.

11. The composition according to claim 1, wherein the composition lowers triacylglycerol levels.

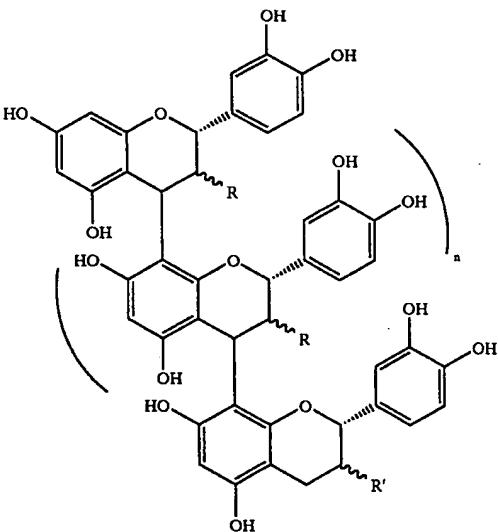
12. The composition according to claim 2, wherein the composition lowers triacylglycerol levels.

13. The composition according to claim 1, wherein the composition lowers cholesterol levels.

14. The composition according to claim 2, wherein the composition lowers cholesterol levels.

15. The composition according to claim 1, wherein the polymer having four to nine monomer units consists essentially of a catechin-epicatechin polymer having four to nine monomer units.

16. The composition according to claim 1, wherein the polymers having four to nine monomer units consist essentially of catechin-epicatechin polymers of the formula:



45 wherein a has a value of from 2 to 7, and

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giving a ratio of catechin to epicatechin in the upper terminal and middle of 2 to 1 and a 1 to 2 ratio of catechin to epicatechin in the lower terminal.

55 17. The composition of claim 16 wherein n has a value of 3.

18. The composition of claim 16 wherein n has a value of 5.

19. The composition of claim 16 wherein n has a value of 60 7.

20. The composition of claim 2 wherein the polymer consists essentially of an catechin-epicatechin oligomer.

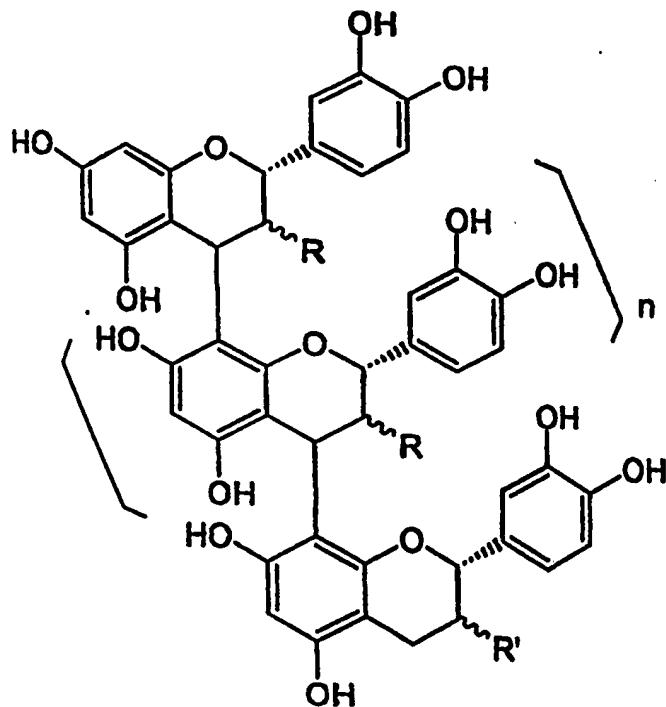
21. A method of improving the memory of humans and animals comprising administering to said humans and animals an effective amount of a composition having an active ingredient consisting essentially of:

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16. (Previously Presented) The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the polymers having four to nine monomer units consist essentially of catechin-epicatechin polymers of the formula:



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